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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am a strong supporter of the settlement the government and Microsoft reached and hope you will resist the efforts of the competitors to try to continue their efforts to destroy this great company.

Microsoft's crime is that they have been successful and apparently a few Attorney Generals and competitors want to curtail this success.

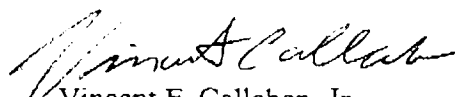
The centerpiece of Virginia's economy is the Northern Virginia regions high-tech industry. A sad message is being sent to them that they had better watch out and don't become too successful or their own enterprise is in peril.

One would be naïve to think all of the business practices of Microsoft are without blemish. It is just as incomprehensible to think that a forced attempt to destroy one of the most successful companies on this planet would be anything less than criminal in and of itself.

I believe the settlement is a fair and reasonable compromise. Furthermore, settlement is good for the consumers, for high-tech industry and for our economy overall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.

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